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children of their father's love,
usurped
their right to the first place
in the
King's breast. O Mother Kali,
your
creation is infinite and full of
wonders,
only send a child to my arms
in the merest
whim, a tiny little warm
living flesh
to fill my lap, and I shall offer
you
whatever you wish. (*Enters*
NAK-
SHATBA*) Prince Nakshatra,
why do
you turn back ? I am a mere
woman,
weak and without weapon,
am I so
fearful?

Nakshatra

No, do not call me.

Gunavati

Why ? What harm is in
that t

Nakshatra

I do not want to be a king.

Gunavati

But why are you so
excited ?

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